

## 1. IDENTIFICATION OF THE MATERIAL AND SUPPLIER

### 1.1 Product identifier

**Product name** FUMIGAS 900  
**Synonym(s)** 131 - SDS NUMBER • 900 G/KG ETHYLENE OXIDE IN CARBON DIOXIDE • PRODUCT CODE: 104

### 1.2 Uses and uses advised against

**Use(s)** ANALYTICAL REAGENT • FUMIGANT • INDUSTRIAL APPLICATIONS • MANUFACTURING • STERILISER

### 1.3 Details of the supplier of the product

**Supplier name** BOC LIMITED (AUSTRALIA)  
**Address** 10 Julius Avenue, North Ryde, NSW, 2113, AUSTRALIA  
**Telephone** 131 262, (02) 8874 4400  
**Fax** 132 427 (24 hours)  
**Website** <http://www.boc.com.au>

### 1.4 Emergency telephone number(s)

**Emergency** 1800 653 572 (24/7) (Australia only)

## 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

### 2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture

CLASSIFIED AS HAZARDOUS ACCORDING TO AUSTRALIAN WHS REGULATIONS

**GHS classification(s)** Serious Eye Damage / Eye Irritation: Category 2A  
Acute Toxicity: Inhalation: Category 3  
Flammable Gases: Category 1  
Carcinogenicity: Category 1B  
Germ Cell Mutagenicity: Category 1B  
Specific Target Organ Systemic Toxicity (Single Exposure): Category 3  
Gases Under Pressure: Liquefied gas  
Skin Corrosion/Irritation: Category 2

### 2.2 Label elements

**Signal word**

**DANGER**

**Pictogram(s)**



**Hazard statement(s)**

H220 Extremely flammable gas.  
H280 Contains gas under pressure; may explode if heated.  
H315 Causes skin irritation.  
H319 Causes serious eye irritation.  
H331 Toxic if inhaled.  
H335 May cause respiratory irritation.  
H340 May cause genetic defects.  
H350 May cause cancer.

**PRODUCT NAME FUMIGAS 900****Prevention statement(s)**

P202 Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood.  
P210 Keep away from heat/sparks/open flames/hot surfaces. No smoking.  
P261 Avoid breathing dust/fume/gas/mist/vapours/spray.  
P264 Wash thoroughly after handling.  
P271 Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.  
P280 Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.

**Response statement(s)**

P302 + P352 IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water.  
P304 + P340 IF INHALED: Remove to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing.  
P305 + P351 + P338 IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.  
P311 Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician.  
P321 Specific treatment is advised - see first aid instructions.  
P332 + P337 + P313 If skin or eye irritation occurs: Get medical advice/ attention.  
P362 Take off contaminated clothing and wash before re-use.  
P377 Leaking gas fire: Do not extinguish, unless leak can be stopped safely.  
P381 Eliminate all ignition sources if safe to do so.

**Storage statement(s)**

P403 + P233 Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed.  
P405 Store locked up.  
P410 + P403 Protect from sunlight. Store in a well-ventilated place.

**Disposal statement(s)**

P501 Dispose of contents/container in accordance with relevant regulations.

**2.3 Other hazards**

Asphyxiant. Effects are proportional to oxygen displacement.

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**3. COMPOSITION/ INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS**

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**3.1 Substances / Mixtures**

Ingredient	CAS Number	EC Number	Content (v/v)
ETHYLENE OXIDE	75-21-8	200-849-9	90%
CARBON DIOXIDE	124-38-9	204-696-9	10%

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**4. FIRST AID MEASURES**

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**4.1 Description of first aid measures**

**Eye** Cold burns: Immediately flush with tepid water or with sterile saline solution. Hold eyelids apart and irrigate for 15 minutes. Seek medical attention.

**Inhalation** If inhaled, remove from contaminated area. To protect rescuer, use an Air-line respirator or Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA). Be aware of possible explosive atmospheres. Apply artificial respiration if not breathing. Give oxygen if available. For advice, contact a Poison Information Centre on 13 11 26 (Australia Wide) or a doctor.

**Skin** Cold burns: Remove contaminated clothing and gently flush affected areas with warm water (30°C) for 15 minutes. Apply sterile dressing and treat as for a thermal burn. For large burns, immerse in warm water for 15 minutes. DO NOT apply any form of direct heat. Seek immediate medical attention.

**Ingestion** Due to product form and application, ingestion is considered unlikely.

**First aid facilities** Eye wash facilities and safety shower are recommended.

**4.2 Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed**

Toxic via inhalation. Irritating to the eyes, skin and inhalation. Ethylene oxide is classified as carcinogenic to humans (IARC Group 1). May cause genetic defects.

**4.3 Immediate medical attention and special treatment needed**

Treat symptomatically.

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**5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES**

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### 5.1 Extinguishing media

Use water fog to cool containers from protected area.

### 5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

Extremely flammable. Eliminate all ignition sources including cigarettes, open flames, spark producing switches/tools, heaters, naked lights, pilot lights, mobile phones etc. when handling.

### 5.3 Advice for firefighters

Temperatures in a fire may cause cylinders to rupture and internal pressure relief devices to be activated. Cool cylinders or containers exposed to fire by applying water from a protected location. Do not approach cylinders or containers suspected of being hot. This material is capable of forming explosive mixtures in air.

### 5.4 Hazchem code

2TE

2 Fine Water Spray.

T Wear full fire kit and breathing apparatus. Dilute spill and run-off.

E Evacuation of people in and around the immediate vicinity of the incident should be considered.

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## 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

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### 6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

If the cylinder is leaking, evacuate area of personnel. Inform manufacturer/supplier of leak. Wear self-contained breathing apparatus when entering area unless atmosphere is proved to be safe. Ensure adequate air ventilation. Eliminate all sources of ignition. Consider the risk of potentially explosive atmospheres.

### 6.2 Environmental precautions

Prevent from entering sewers, basements and workpits, or any place where its accumulation can be dangerous.

### 6.3 Methods of cleaning up

Carefully move material to a well ventilated remote area, then allow to discharge if safe to do so. Do not attempt to repair leaking valve or cylinder safety devices.

### 6.4 Reference to other sections

See Sections 8 and 13 for exposure controls and disposal.

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## 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

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### 7.1 Precautions for safe handling

Use of safe work practices are recommended to avoid eye or skin contact and inhalation. Do not drag, drop, slide or roll cylinders. The uncontrolled release of a gas under pressure may cause physical harm. Use a suitable hand truck for cylinder movement.

### 7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Do not store near sources of ignition or incompatible materials. Cylinders should be stored below 45°C in a secure area, upright and restrained to prevent cylinders from falling. Cylinders should also be stored in a dry, well ventilated area constructed of non-combustible material with firm level floor (preferably concrete), away from areas of heavy traffic and emergency exits.

### 7.3 Specific end use(s)

No information provided.

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## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

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### 8.1 Control parameters

#### Exposure standards

Ingredient	Reference	TWA		STEL	
		ppm	mg/m <sup>3</sup>	ppm	mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Carbon dioxide	SWA (AUS)	5000	9000	30000	54000
Carbon dioxide in coal mines	SWA (AUS)	12500	22500	30000	54000
Ethylene Oxide	SWA (AUS)	1	1.8	--	--

#### Biological limits

No biological limit values have been entered for this product.

**8.2 Exposure controls**

**Engineering controls** Avoid inhalation. Use in well ventilated areas. Where an inhalation risk exists, mechanical extraction ventilation is recommended. Maintain vapour levels below the recommended exposure standard.

**PPE**

- Eye / Face** Wear safety glasses.
- Hands** Wear leather gloves.
- Body** Wear coveralls and safety boots.
- Respiratory** Where an inhalation risk exists, wear Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) or an Air-line respirator.




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**9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES**

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**9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties**

<b>Appearance</b>	COLOURLESS MIST
<b>Odour</b>	SWEET ODOUR
<b>Flammability</b>	EXTREMELY FLAMMABLE
<b>Flash point</b>	< 23°C
<b>Boiling point</b>	NOT AVAILABLE
<b>Melting point</b>	NOT AVAILABLE
<b>Evaporation rate</b>	NOT APPLICABLE
<b>pH</b>	NOT APPLICABLE
<b>Vapour density</b>	NOT AVAILABLE
<b>Specific gravity</b>	NOT APPLICABLE
<b>Solubility (water)</b>	0.759 cm <sup>3</sup> /cm <sup>3</sup> (Carbon dioxide)
<b>Vapour pressure</b>	800 kPa @ 25°C (Approximately)
<b>Upper explosion limit</b>	100 % (Ethylene oxide)
<b>Lower explosion limit</b>	3 % (Ethylene oxide)
<b>Partition coefficient</b>	NOT AVAILABLE
<b>Autoignition temperature</b>	429°C
<b>Decomposition temperature</b>	NOT AVAILABLE
<b>Viscosity</b>	NOT AVAILABLE
<b>Explosive properties</b>	NOT AVAILABLE
<b>Oxidising properties</b>	NOT AVAILABLE
<b>Odour threshold</b>	NOT AVAILABLE

**9.2 Other information**

<b>% Volatiles</b>	100 %
<b>Density</b>	1.5 (Air = 1)

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**10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY**

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**10.1 Reactivity**

Carefully review all information provided in sections 10.2 to 10.6.

**10.2 Chemical stability**

No information provided.

**10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions**

Polymerization will not occur.

**10.4 Conditions to avoid**

No information provided.

**10.5 Incompatible materials**

Dust of aluminium, chrome, manganese may ignite then explode when heated in carbon dioxide. Incompatible with acrylaldehyde, aziridine, metal acetylides, sodium peroxide.

**10.6 Hazardous decomposition products**

May evolve toxic gases if heated to decomposition.

**11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

**11.1 Information on toxicological effects**

**Acute toxicity**

**Information available for the product:**

Toxic by inhalation. Symptoms are usually delayed, except for serious exposure, and include general anaesthesia, nausea, vomiting, coughing, irritation to eyes and nose, loss of sense of smell and, progressively, stupor, pulmonary oedema and coma. Less frequently reported effects include muscular weakness, abdominal discomfort and diarrhoea and acute encephalopathy.

**Information available for the ingredient(s):**

Ingredient	Oral Toxicity (LD50)	Dermal Toxicity (LD50)	Inhalation Toxicity (LC50)
ETHYLENE OXIDE	72 mg/kg (rat)	--	800 ppm/4 hours (rat)
CARBON DIOXIDE	--	--	470000 ppm/30M (rat)

- Skin** Irritating to the skin. Contact may result in irritation, redness, rash and dermatitis. Direct contact with the liquefied material or escaping compressed gas may cause frostbite injury.
- Eye** Irritating to the eyes. Contact may result in irritation, lacrimation, pain and redness. Direct contact with the liquefied material or escaping compressed gas may cause frostbite injury.
- Sensitization** Skin sensitisation has been reported 19-20 days after exposure to ethylene oxide. Inhalation of ethylene oxide has been linked to occupational asthma.
- Mutagenicity** Ethylene oxide may cause heritable genetic damage.
- Carcinogenicity** Ethylene oxide is classified as carcinogenic to humans (IARC Group 1). Chronic exposure has been linked to leukaemia and stomach cancer.
- Reproductive** Some studies have detected effects on the reproductive performance of animals exposed to ethylene oxide.
- STOT – single exposure** Asphyxiant. Effects are proportional to oxygen displacement. Over exposure may result in dizziness, drowsiness, weakness, fatigue, breathing difficulties and unconsciousness. Irritating to the respiratory system. Over exposure may result in irritation of the nose and throat, with coughing.
- STOT – repeated exposure** Chronic exposure may result in cataract development, nerve cell damage, renal failure and cardiovascular collapse.
- Aspiration** Not classified as causing aspiration.

**12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

**12.1 Toxicity**

No information provided.

**12.2 Persistence and degradability**

No information provided.

**12.3 Bioaccumulative potential**

No information provided.

**12.4 Mobility in soil**

No information provided.

**12.5 Other adverse effects**

When discharged to the atmosphere, carbon dioxide may contribute to the greenhouse effect.

**13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**

**13.1 Waste treatment methods**

**Waste disposal** Cylinders should be returned to the manufacturer or supplier for disposal of contents.

**Legislation** Dispose of in accordance with relevant local legislation.

**14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION**

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CLASSIFIED AS A DANGEROUS GOOD BY THE CRITERIA OF THE ADG CODE



	LAND TRANSPORT (ADG)	SEA TRANSPORT (IMDG / IMO)	AIR TRANSPORT (IATA / ICAO)
14.1 UN Number	3300	3300	3300
14.2 Proper Shipping Name	ETHYLENE OXIDE AND CARBON DIOXIDE MIXTURE with more than 87% ethylene oxide	ETHYLENE OXIDE AND CARBON DIOXIDE MIXTURE with more than 87% ethylene oxide	ETHYLENE OXIDE AND CARBON DIOXIDE MIXTURE with more than 87% ethylene oxide
14.3 Transport hazard classes	2.3, 2.1	2.3, 2.1	2.3, 2.1
14.4 Packing Group	None Allocated	None Allocated	None Allocated

14.5 Environmental hazards No information provided

**14.6 Special precautions for user**

Hazchem code 2TE  
 GTEPG 2C1  
 EMS F-D, S-U

Other information Ensure cylinder is separated from driver and that outlet of relief device is not obstructed.

**15. REGULATORY INFORMATION****15.1 Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture**

Poison schedule	Classified as a Schedule 7 (S7) Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Medicines and Poisons (SUSMP).	
Classifications	Safework Australia criteria is based on the Globally Harmonised System (GHS) of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals.  The classifications and phrases listed below are based on the Approved Criteria for Classifying Hazardous Substances [NOHSC: 1008(2004)].	
Hazard codes	Carc.	Carcinogen
	F+	Extremely flammable
	Muta.	Mutagen
	T	Toxic
	Xi	Irritant
Risk phrases	R12	Extremely Flammable.
	R23	Toxic by inhalation.
	R36/37/38	Irritating to eyes, respiratory system and skin.
	R45	May cause cancer.
	R46	May cause heritable genetic damage.
Safety phrases	S7/9	Keep container tightly closed and in a well ventilated place.
	S16	Keep away from sources of ignition - No smoking.
	S23	Do not breathe gas/fumes/vapour/spray (where applicable).
	S24/25	Avoid contact with skin and eyes.
	S33	Take precautionary measures against static discharges.
	S44	If you feel unwell, contact a doctor or Poisons Information Centre immediately (show label where possible).
	S53	Avoid exposure - obtain special instructions before use.
Inventory listing(s)	<b>AUSTRALIA: AICS (Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances)</b> All components are listed on AICS, or are exempt.	

**16. OTHER INFORMATION**

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### Additional information

The storage of significant quantities of gas cylinders must comply with AS4332 The storage and handling of gases in cylinders. The manufacturer reports that this product is an Australian registered Agricultural Chemical for use by registered pest controllers.

Application method: Cylinder or manifolded cylinders connected to fixed pipework distribution system with spray nozzles and controlled release.

#### PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT GUIDELINES:

The recommendation for protective equipment contained within this report is provided as a guide only. Factors such as method of application, working environment, quantity used, product concentration and the availability of engineering controls should be considered before final selection of personal protective equipment is made.

#### HEALTH EFFECTS FROM EXPOSURE:

It should be noted that the effects from exposure to this product will depend on several factors including: frequency and duration of use; quantity used; effectiveness of control measures; protective equipment used and method of application. Given that it is impractical to prepare a ChemAlert report which would encompass all possible scenarios, it is anticipated that users will assess the risks and apply control methods where appropriate.

### Abbreviations

ACGIH	American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists
CAS #	Chemical Abstract Service number - used to uniquely identify chemical compounds
CNS	Central Nervous System
EC No.	EC No - European Community Number
EMS	Emergency Schedules (Emergency Procedures for Ships Carrying Dangerous Goods)
GHS	Globally Harmonized System
GTEPG	Group Text Emergency Procedure Guide
IARC	International Agency for Research on Cancer
LC50	Lethal Concentration, 50% / Median Lethal Concentration
LD50	Lethal Dose, 50% / Median Lethal Dose
mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Milligrams per Cubic Metre
OEL	Occupational Exposure Limit
pH	relates to hydrogen ion concentration using a scale of 0 (highly acidic) to 14 (highly alkaline).
ppm	Parts Per Million
STEL	Short-Term Exposure Limit
STOT-RE	Specific target organ toxicity (repeated exposure)
STOT-SE	Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure)
SUSMP	Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Medicines and Poisons
SWA	Safe Work Australia
TLV	Threshold Limit Value
TWA	Time Weighted Average

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